

**ORDER**

**NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS**

**UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the area described in this order within the Umatilla National Forest, until further notice.

(1.) Operating a vehicle in violation of the speed, load, weight, height, length, width, or other limitations specified by the order. For the purpose of this order, this restriction applies to vehicles operated on the National Forest System Roads or segments listed in Appendix A of this order at speeds greater than the speed limitations specified for those roads and segments in Appendix A of this order . **36 261.54(d)**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1.) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- (2.) Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty, when operating an emergency vehicle in accordance with applicable state law.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Pendleton, Oregon, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Kevin D. Martin\_\_\_\_\_  
KEVIN MARTIN  
Forest Supervisor  
Umatilla National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)

**APPENDIX A**

<b>National Forest System Road Number</b>	<b>Speed Limit</b>
<b>FSR 47</b> , From its northern most point to the Junction the Tucannon Campground Rd FSR 47-160 (Tucannon Campground rd)	35 Miles Per Hour
<b>FSR 47</b> , From the junction of the FSR 47-160 ( Tucannon Campground Rd) to the junction of FSR 4713 ( Meadow Crk Rd) and 4712 ( Sheep Crk Rd)	25 Miles Per Hour
<b>FSR 64</b> , from its junction with State Highway 204 to its junction with Forest Road 6401	20 Miles Per Hour
<b>FSR 64</b> , from its junction with Forest Road 6401 to its junction with Forest Road 6403	35 Miles Per Hour
<b>FSR 64</b> , from its junction with Forest Road 6403 to its junction with Forest Road 6400250	25 Miles Per Hour
<b>FSR 64</b> , from northern end of the Touchet Corral Sno-Park parking lot to Junction of County Rd 9115 (North Touchet Rd)	35 Miles Per Hour
<b>FSR 64</b> , from the northern end of the Touchet Corral Sno-Park parking lot to its junction with Forest Road FSR 6400650	25 Miles Per Hour
<b>FSR 52</b>	50 Miles Per Hour
<b>FSR 53</b>	50 Miles Per Hour
<b>FSR 55</b> from Hwy 395 to FSR 5505	25 miles per hour
<b>FSR 10</b> , from the junction of FSR 55 to FSR 1035	25 miles per hour
<b>FSR 10</b> , from the junction of FSR 55 to County Rd 13	25 miles per hour
<b>FSR 1010</b> , from the junction of FSR 10 to the Junction of FSR 1011	25 miles per hour
<b>FSR 2039</b> , from HWY 207 to junction of FSR 2039-030	25 Miles Per Hour

## **Supporting Documentation**

### **Statement of Need:**

Forest Service Road (FSR) 47, From the northern most point of FSR 47 south to the junction of the FSR 47-160 ( Tucannon Campground Road), the speed limit will be established and posted as 35mph. Many years ago the Forest Service agreed with Columbia County to establish a 35 mile an hour speed limit on Road 47.

For the section of FSR 47 south from the Junction of FSR 47-160 to the Junction of FSR 4712 and FSR 4713 the speed limit will be set at 25 mph. Since this original 35mph speed limit was put in place it has been determined by Engineering, district staff and Law enforcement to be too fast a speed for the gravel section of the road. This section of road is a two lane gravel road which receives a very high use rate for most of the year. It is a very curvy section of road and we have had regularly occurring accidents on this section due to excessive speed, So to ensure the safety of the general public and our employees the speed limit for this section of FSR47 will be from this time forward set at 25 mph.

Road 64 Speed limits – The lower limit near the junction with State Highway 204 is established because of the considerable congestion in this area. The visitor center, trailer dump station and nearby residences all contribute to this problem. The 35 mph limit is established to cover the new paved portion of the road both to help ensure public safety and to help protect lynx, in conformance with mitigations listed in the environmental studies that were done in conjunction with the paving project. The 25 mph limit is established to help ensure public safety on this portion of the road. This section has the highest accident history and traffic appears to be increasing. The 35 and 25 mph limits on the Washington end of the road, as well as the 25 mph limit on Road 6400650, are established in cooperation with Columbia County primarily to enhance public safety for those visiting the Bluewood Ski Area.

Forest Service Road 52 and Forest Road 53 will have established speed limits of 50mph. This was found to be a reasonable speed by the Forest Engineering staff. Both of these roads are maintained paved roads for use by passenger vehicles and are both listed as part of the Blue Mountain Scenic Byways. At the time this order was drafted no speed limits were posted on this road and vehicles were regularly clocked by law enforcement at speeds up to and exceeding 70mph. By establishing the speed limit the forest will reduce speed related accidents, and increase employee and visitor safety

Forest Service Road 55, from its junction with state HWY 395 to the junction of FSR 5505 the speed limit will be set 25mph.

Forest Service Road 10, from its Junction with FSR 55 to the Junction of FSR 1035 the speed limit will be set 25mph

Forest Service Road 1010 from its Junction with FSR 10 to its Junction 1011 the speed limit will be set 25mph

Forest Service Road 2039, is a paved road with many curves and in need of repair. The forest engineers recommend that the speed limit be established at 35 miles per hour to reduce accidents on this road and increase employee and public safety

This order supersedes Forest Orders 0614-0014-03 and 99-1 it also adds additional speed limits on roads not listed in the previous orders.

**Enforcement Procedures:** Enforcement will be performed by Law Enforcement Officers and Special Agents in accordance with established policy and procedures established for speed enforcement.

**Posting:** Speed limit signs will be posted on affected roads in accordance with MUTCD standards.

This order supersedes Umatilla NF order #0614-0014-04

**Enforcement Plan**

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger PAO LEO	N/A

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

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KEVIN MARTIN  
Forest Supervisor

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WALTER MERRITT  
Patrol Captain

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Date